

Born Without A Mother

Text : **John 3: 1-6 ; Romans 6: 1-7**

S#1.
S#2.

A. Most unusual mother's day sermon I have ever delivered.

1. Each week we set this day aside to remember the greatest event in world history.
 - a. This event occurred over a three day period.
 - b. God in flesh presented Himself as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of mankind.
 - c. Early on the third day after His crucifixion Jesus came forth from the grave.
 - d. This event offers spiritual life to all who will trust and obey it.
2. Each year this particular Sunday is set aside by our nation to remember the source of our physical lives ... our mothers.
 - a. This is a special day to give mothers the honor that should be theirs every day.
 - b. **Rom. 13: 7** ... The scriptures instruct us to give "**honor to whom honor is due.**"
 - c. There is no one to whom more honor is due than to a godly mother.
 - d. As we begin maturing, more than any other person our mothers tend to mold us.
3. There are only two people in the history of the world who had no birth-mother.
 - a. Adam and Eve were created, not born.
 - b. Though created by the single most holy being to every exist, they did not have the strength of character to stand in the face of evil.

S#3.

B. Every person in Heaven will have been born a second time without a mother.

1. **John 3:3-6** – Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless **one is born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ " That which is born of **the flesh is flesh**, and that which is born of the **Spirit is spirit**.
2. Being born of our mother prepares us for this temporary life on planet earth.
3. Being born again of the water and Spirit prepares us for permanent a life in Heaven.

S#5.

C. Heaven is a pure and holy place where the pure and holy God lives.

1. God will not be contaminated by the stain of sin.
2. Only pure and holy people who are not polluted by sin may dwell in God's home.
3. God will welcome anyone into His home, but they must be free from sin's stains.

I. The problem is that no one is free from the stain of sin .. so no one is holy. S#6.

A. God creates man perfect, but like Eve, all people choose to sin. S#7.

Eccl. 7: 29 – Behold, I have found only this, that God made men upright,
but they have sought out many devices.”

B. There are no exceptions, everyone sins. S#8.

1. **Rom. 3: 10** – as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one” (**Psa 14: 3**)

2. **Rom. 3: 23** – for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (**Eccl 7: 20**)

C. There is nothing man can do to cleanse himself from sin. S#9.

1. **Prov. 20: 9** – Who can say, “I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin”?

2. **Psa. 49: 7-8** No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to God
a ransom for him— **8** For the redemption of his soul is costly,

D. The consequences of sin is spiritual death, i.e., separation from God. S#10.

1. **Ezek. 18: 4** – Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as
the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

2. **Nah. 1: 3** – The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And the Lord
will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. S#11.

3. **Rom. 6: 23** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. God has provided a way for men to be cleansed of sin, to make us holy. S#12.

A. We deserve to be cast aside and separated from God,
but God offers reconciliation. S#13.

1. **II Cor. 5: 20** – Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were
making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God. S#14.

2. **Eph. 2: 12-13** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, S#15.
excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the
covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been
brought near by the blood of Christ.

S#16.

B. In order to receive that reconciliation God requires that one be “born again.”

1. During His earthly ministry, Jesus required that we be born again to be saved.

John 3: 3 – Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” S#17.

2. The new birth is a spiritual birth, not another physical birth.

John 3: 6 – That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

III. What does it mean to be born again ... “born of the Spirit?”

S#18.

- A. The new birth can occur because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

S#19.

1. **I Pet. 1: 3** – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
2. This was written to people who had already been born again ... persecuted Christians.
3. The result of being born again is a “living hope.”

- B. The new birth happens through the inspired “word of God. ”

S#20.

1. **I Pet. 1: 22-23** Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, ²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
2. Notice those who are born again have a different relationship :
 - a. With God because their souls are purified ... sinless, sanctified.
 - b. With the church because they are born into God’s family, **love each other**.

IV. How is one physically born into a spiritual family ?

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S#22.

- A. The new birth results from obedience to the living and enduring word of God.

1. Remember : **I Pet. 1: 23**
2. Being purified involves surrendering one’s self as an obedient servant.
 - a. **Rom. 6: 16** – Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone **S#23.** as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
 - b. We have no choice every human being is a “slave.” *We either serve self or God.*
 - c. We can choose whether or not we surrender our life to our creator.
3. That choice is formalized by obeying a form of teaching from God.
 - a. **Rom. 6: 17** – But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, **S#24.** you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
 - b. The obedience is “from the heart” meaning it is done out of faith.

4. The result of this obedience that is motivated by faith is the forgiveness of sins.
 - a. **Rom. 6: 18** – and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
 - b. Upon obedience one is “freed from sin.”
 - c. One is committed to live seeking to do what is right “slaves of righteousness.”

S#25.

B. What is the teaching from the word of God that one must obey to be free of sin?

1. Notice the earlier verses in this same chapter.

Rom. 6: 3-7 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection. ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

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2. Notice what occurs when one’s faith motivates him/her to be baptized :

- a. He/she is placed “into Christ Jesus.”
- b. He/she rejects a life of sin ... symbolically bury it. “old self was crucified”
- c. He/she receives a new life which is free from sin. “walk in newness of life”

C. When one is baptized he/she is received into the family of God.

S#28.

1. **Gal. 2: 26-27** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
2. Baptism is an act of faith in which one commits himself to be part of Christ.

D. Baptism is the act of calling on the Lord to save you.

S#29.

1. **Rom. 10: 13** – for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
2. How does one call on the name of the Lord ?
Acts 22: 16 – ‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’
3. Salvation is from sin and sin is washed away when one surrenders in baptism.

S#30. ... Communion slide

Lesson Text :**John 3: 1-6**

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; **2** this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, " Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" **5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** " That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Romans 6: 1-7

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? **2** May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, **6** knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; **7** for he who has died is freed from sin.